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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON—F. ALBAN, 11 & 12 Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C.; GEORGE STUART & CO., 30, Churchill, Gordon & Gordon, Liverpool, E.C.; HANCOCK & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C.; SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street; W. M. WILSON, 151, Cannon Street, E.C.; ROBERT WATSON, 151, Fleet Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMADEUS PRINCE, 26, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. STEWART HAPPER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

SAN FRANCISCO and AMERICAN Ports generally.—BRAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CHINA.—MACON, F. A. ORUZ, Sze-tao, Quemoy & Co.; AMYQ, N. MOALLE, Foochow; HEDGES & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO., Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG & SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors on the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO¹ \$7,500,000
PROITORS,

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—H. L. DUNLOP, Esq.
W. G. BRODIE, Esq. & S. C. MICHAELSEN,
T. E. DAVIES, Esq.
J. F. HOLLIDAY, Esq. J. S. MORRIS, Esq.
Hon. J. J. KEEWICK, Esq. P. F. POWELL, Esq.
Hon. S. LATTON, Esq. N. A. SIERS, Esq.
E. A. SOLON, Esq.

Chief Manager,
Hongkong,

Manager,
Shanghai,

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent.

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1889. 363

Intimations.

SHOOTING GALLERY,
No. 35, WELLINGTON STREET,
under the UNION CLUB.

Opened from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from
3 to 5 p.m.

Hongkong, September 9, 1889. 1748

LOST.

THE Undeclared 100 SHARES of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, being the Property of the Undersigned, having been LOST, the Public are warned against negotiating same.

scrip No. Nos. of Shares
50 Shares, B2091 3405/6, 4845/52,
L. MENDEL 2124/53
10 Shares, B2092 14889/32, 51692/12

25 Shares, B2093 3280/3289

15 Shares, B2134 65909/23, 67342/46

W. D. SPENCE 1406/10

W. H. GASKELL 27918/27932

100 Shares.

The TRANSFER of these SHARES has been STOPPED at the BANK.

H. N. MODY.

Hongkong, September 9, 1889. 1749

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWONG KWAN YERN
CHALLENGE CUPS.

THE SECOND COMPETITION for the 1st Stage will take place NEXT SATURDAY, 21st Instant, at 3.15 p.m.

THE ENTRANCE FEE for this Stage i.e. 60 cents, must be sent to me before 5 p.m. on Friday next, 22d Instant. The Second Stage will be shot off on Saturday, 23d Instant.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary,
c/o HONGKONG CLUB.

Hongkong, September 17, 1889. 1809

TUCK LOONG,
General Draper.

Has Received a Large Assortment of
NEW GOODS FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER,
EX S. S. BOMBAY, comprising—

CASHMERE, PLUSH, VELVET and
VELVETEEN of every shade, FURNISHINGS,
HOMEFURN., CEYLON SHIRTING, SILKS,
BEAVER and BEAVER WOOL, 4-Feet
FINGERING AND ALPACA and SUPERIOR
WOOL, RIBBED, Novel Designs of
SILK and SATIN DRESS PIECES, SUN-
SHADE, WINDOW CURAINES, &c., &c.,
all of Reasonable Prices.

TUCK LOONG hopes to receive by every
Mail during the Winter, the Newest
Goods from the Home Markets.

TUCK LOONG,

No. 5, Lyndhurst Terrace,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, September 18, 1889. 1817

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE Ordinary General MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Company's
OFFICES, on SATURDAY, the 21st Instant,
at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the
Report of the General Managers, together
with a Statement of Account to 30th June,
1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the
21st September, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 7, 1889. 1741

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are
respectfully informed that, upon
their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of
the Company's FOREMEN should be at
hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to
the Head OFFICE, No. 13, Praya Central, will
receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found
necessary, Communication with the Under-
signed is requested, when immediate steps
will be taken to rectify the cause of dis-
satisfaction.

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1889. 1453

BOARD AND RESIDENCE
COMPTABLE HOME
FOR SINGLE GENTLEMEN.

MODERATE TERMS.

Mrs. KJELLER,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, July 15, 1889. 1315

THE HONGKONG
LAND INVESTMENT AND
AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$5,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000
RESERVE FUND, 1,200,000

Board of Directors:

Hon. J. J. KESWICK, CHAIRMAN

Box, C. P. CHATER,
VICE-CHAIRMAN

E. A. SOLON, Esq.

J. S. MOSES, Esq.

S. C. MICHAELSEN, Esq.

G. E. NOBLE, Esq.

LEE SING, Esq.

FOON FONG, Esq.

Bankers:

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

MONEY ADVANCED ON MORTGAGE,
ON LAND or BUILDINGS;

PROPERTIES
PURCHASED AND SOLD.

Estates managed, and all kinds of Agency
and Commission Business relating
to Land, &c., conducted.

Full Particulars can be obtained at the
Company's OFFICES, No. 5, Queen's Road
Central.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 3d May, 1889. 1844

WINDSOR HOUSE,
HONGKONG.

No. 8, Queen's Road Central,
PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE,
AND FAMILY HOTEL.

This ESTABLISHMENT is situated in a most
central position, opposite the Telegraph
Office and two doors from the Chartered
Bank. It offers FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMO-
DATION to RESIDENTS and TRAVELLERS, has
a Spacious DINING ROOM, and a large
number of well FURNISHED BED ROOMS
with all comforts. A Good TABLE kept
TABLE D'HOTE.—Breakfast, 8.30 a.m.;
Tea, 1 p.m.; Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
BOARD by the Month, Day, or Single
Meals, at reasonable rates.

ARRANGEMENTS can be MADE to SERVE
MEALS in GENTLEMEN'S QUARTERS.

CONTINENTAL LANGUAGES spoken.

Mrs. BOHM,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, August 30, 1889. 1882

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H. N. MODY.

Hongkong, September 9, 1889. 1748

Business Notices.

GARDEN SEEDS,

SEASON—1889

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LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR NEW STOCK OF

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE GROUND IS NOW OPEN FOR
PRACTICE AND LAWN TENNIS.
GENTLEMEN—desire of persons using NEW
MESSAGES will find lists for that purpose in
the Hongkong Club and Cricket Pavilion.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Sec. H.K.C.C.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1829

THE SHIPS LIST CLOSES ON THE 25TH
INSTANT, AT 3 P.M.THE HONGKONG LIME AND CEMENT
WORKS, LIMITED.TO BE INCORPORATED UNDER THE COM-
MUNITIES' ORDINANCES, 1804-18-6.CAPITAL \$250,000
DIVIDED INTO 60,000 SHARES
OF \$5 EACH.

Payable \$1 on Application, \$1 on Allot-
ment. Balance as required at one
month's Notice. One half of the
Shares is held by the Directors
and their heirs and will be
allotted a full; the Re-
mainder are now offered
to Public Sub-
scription in Ton-
kin and Hong-
kong.

Directors:
A. LIEBARD, Esq., of A. R. MANTY, Esq.,
H. F. HAYLAR, Esq., G.E.
C. GRANDJEAN, Esq.
CHEONG KAI, Esq.
WUNG W. CHUN, Esq.
LO ISUN HING, Esq.
A. B. RODYK, Esq.
C. VEZIN, Esq.

Join after Allotment.

Bankers:
THE NEW CHINESE BANK COR-
PORATION, LIMITED.Solicitors:
CALDWELL and WILKINSON,
Hongkong.P. DEVAUX, Esq., Haiphong.
Consulting Engineer:
H. F. HILLIAR, Esq.General Agent:
A. R. MARY, Esq.,
Haiphong and Hongkong.Secretary and Office:
J. A. BARRETT, Esq.,
2, D'Aguilar Street.

PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company is formed to purchase
and enlarge the Cement Works
known as "The Société Française de Fabri-
cation des Ciments et Chaux Hydrauliques et Produits Chimiques du Tonkin"
situated at Hongkong.

The property is held under a concession
from the French Government and is of 30
acres in area, well fronted and is
admirably situated, having an approach
where vessels of any size can anchor easily.
There is also a practically inexhaustible
supply of lime and other materials required
for cement making of the spot. Coal, the
principal item, is to be had near and cheap.
As a matter of fact veins of coal have been
discovered on the property to be purchased
by this Company. It may be stated that
the Charbonnages du Tonkin's property is
immediately opposite that of this Com-
pany.

Highly satisfactory reports on the cement
and hydraulic lime have been given by the
French Government, and local authorities
here, and these can be seen at the offices,
where samples also may be had. Samples
are now being submitted to the Govern-
ment for approval. Whilst this Cement is
considered as good as that supplied by the
Green Island Company, as regards cost it
is cheaper.

The cost price is \$1.25 a cask in Ha-
iphong and \$1.60 here. It can be sold in
Indo China at about \$3.20 a cask and in
Hongkong at \$3.50.

Without taking into consideration the
Hongkong market, there is consumed in
Indo China alone, according to official
reports, 22,000 casks per annum.

There are no legal objections to an Eng-
lish Company working the concession, with
its Head office in this colony.

The purchase money has been fixed at
\$83,000 of which \$25,000 is taken in share.

This includes a large stock of raw
material, coal, cement, lime and bricks.
Should the Company at any time increase
its capital, one fully paid up share is added
to the purchase money for every two shares
issued. With the present capital the Com-
pany will be able to turn out 50,000 casks
of cement a year, as well as hydraulic lime,
fire bricks &c., in large quantities.

The following contracts have been enter-
tained:

(1) Contract, dated 27th July 1889,
between O. VEZIN of the one part
and ARTHUR B. RODYK of the other
part.

(2) Contract, dated 6th August 1889,
between ARTHUR B. RODYK of the
one part and J. A. BARRETT as
Tradesman on behalf of the Company
of the other part.

These together with the Memorandum
and Articles can be seen at the Solicitor's
office.

Applications for shares must be made on
the printed form, and forwarded to the
Bankers (where share forms may be
obtained) together with the amount pay-
able on application.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1831

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND
ADELAIDE.(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND
LAND PORTS, and taking through
to NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)The Steamship
"Gullie."Captain CHATON will be
despatched for the above
Port on FRIDAY, the 27th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1832

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking cargo & Passengers of through route
to NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW, and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Steamship
"Aja."Captain BILLY will be
despatched for the above
on FRIDAY, the 27th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1833

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.

(Taking cargo & Passengers of through route
to CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-
CHWANG, HANKOW, and Ports on
the YANGTZE.)The Co.'s Steamship
"Tung."Captain JACKSON will be
despatched for the above TO-
MORROW (SATURDAY), the 21st Inst., at
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1828

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND
ADELAIDE.

VIA SINGAPORE AND JAVA.

(Calling at PORT DARWIN & QUEENSLAND
LAND PORTS, and taking through
Cargo to NEW ZEALAND,
TASMANIA, &c.)The Steamship
"Catterdale."Captain DANCE will be
despatched for the above
Ports on TUESDAY, the 24th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1733

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.The Co.'s Steamship
"Chingtao."HUNT, Commander, will be
despatched for above at noon on
WEDNESDAY, the 25th Inst.The attention of Passengers is directed
to the Superior Accommodation offered by
this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins
are situated forward of the Engineers.
Second-class Passengers are berthed in the
Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures
the supply of Fresh Provisions during the
entire voyage. A daily qualified Surgeon is
carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWINE,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1886

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.The Steamship,
"Japan,"Capt. T. S. GARDNER, will be
despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 27th
Instant, at noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1889. 1833

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.—SEPTEMBER 20, 1889.

Stocks No. of Shares Value Per Quotations
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Shares Cash Cents
Bremen, v. Singapore, Bayre (s.) 125 at 175 % prem.
Hamburg, v. Hamburg, Flensburg (n.) 125 at 175 % prem.
London, v. St. George, Titus (s.) 250 at 50 P147, sellers
London, v. St. George Canal, Clyde (s.) 250 at 50 P147, sellers
Marseilles, v. Saigon, Ironclad (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
New York, v. Suechuan, Ubaru (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
New York, v. Suechuan, Ubaru (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Port Darwin, v. Japan, Arabic (s.) 250 at 100 % prem.
S. Francisco, v. Japan, Arabic (s.) 250 at 100 % prem.
S. Francisco, v. Japan, Arabic (s.) 250 at 100 % prem.
S. Francisco, v. Japan, Arabic (s.) 250 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, via Swatow, Tassang (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, via Amoy, Palauku (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, via Amoy, Palauku (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, via Amoy, Palauku (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, via Amoy, Palauku (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, via Amoy, Palauku (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.
Shanghai, v. Niki & Kobi, Anconas (s.) 100 at 100 % prem.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—ADMIRALTY, German ship, Captain B.
BOWHILL.—Order.OMEGA, British barque, Captain A. O.
BROWN.—Glossywood & Co.RAVENOR, American ship, Capt. G. P.
SPALDING.—Butterfield & Swine.ROBERT S. BENNETT, British ship, Capt.
Andrews.—Adamson, Bell & Co.SATSUMA, British barque, Captain A. G.
SWENSON.—Edward Scheibner & Co.DAKIN'S
PURE CARBOLIC SOAP.Toilet and Medicinal,
a safeguard against all
skin diseases.CARBOLIC SOFT SOAP
for Dogs and Horses.Lathers freely in salt water, useful for
Sea Bathers.

BATH GLOVES and BATH STRAPS.

SPONGES AND SPONGE BAGS.

HAIR, TOOTH and NAIL BRUSHES.

The Finest Selection of
BRUSHES
in the Colony, at moderate prices.

CLOTHES BRUSHES

IN EBONY and WOOD.

SOLD BY

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, September 5, 1889. 1731

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

September 19, 1889.—

Terapaca, British barque, 495, Komiet,
Sandakan, September 4. Timber and Bark.

GIB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

September 20.—

Ajinak, German steamer, 400, Bandar,
Patoh Sep. 15, and Hooch 18, General
Wicks & Co.

Mitsu Maru, Japanese steamer, 2,382, J.

Summers, Katchinotz September 15, Coal.

MITSU BIHII.

Chingtao, British steamer, 1,159, A. Hunt,
Kobe September 15. General—Butter-
field & Swine.Captain CHATON will be
despatched for the above
Port on FRIDAY, the 27th Inst., at 4 p.m.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

CO. LTD.

September 19, 1889.

DEPARTURES.

September 20.—

Fuzhou, Chinese steamer, 1,504, A.
Coast, Shanghai September 17, General—
C. M. S. N. Co.Tianjin, British steamer, 1,509, R. J.
Brown, Shanghai via Foochow, and Amoy
September 19, 1889.

The Co.'s Steamship<br

THE CHINA MAIL.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PAINTED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Harrangate*, August 1; *Trish*, *Maria Teresa*, 16; *Malabar*, 20; *Ajou Bellona*, 27; *Glamorgan*, 24; *Sorpedon*, Sept. 3; *Broadway*, 6; *Nekar*, *Orester*, *Pathan*, 10; *Agamemnon*, 13.

HOMeward Bound.—*Cambria*, July 26; *Aberdeen*, Aug. 6; *Port Caroline*, 37; *Auditor*, *Beverton*, Sept. 3; *Achilles*, *Mertonshire*, 6; *Glenaray*, *Yankee*, *Tigluna*, 10; *Bentley*, *Mendlesham*, *Prometheus*, 13.

The s.s. *Orca* with the FRENCH MAIL of August 24, left Singapore on Wednesday the 16th instant, at 7 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 24th instant. This packet brings to letters despatched from Hongkong on July 13.

The P. M. Co.'s a.s. *City of Sydney*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of Aug. 31, leaves Yokohama on Friday, Sept. 20th, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 26th Sept.

The Canadian Pacific's a.s. *Port August*, from Vancouver, left Kobe on the 18th inst., for Shanghai and Hongkong.

The Canadian Pacific's Co. s.s. *Parthia* left Vancouver for Yokohama on 6th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s a.s. *Patricia*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

The Union Line's a.s. *Coltishaw*, from London, left Singapore on the 16th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 22nd inst.

The s.s. *Jugurtha*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

The D. R. s.s. *Bellona*, left Singapore on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 23rd inst.

The P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on the 18th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 24th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Ajou*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s a.s. *Ajou*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning.

The clair-ecclis who fatally stabbed another coolie on Tuesday night met the Lusitania Club was brought before Mr. Wadhouse in the Police Court to-day, on a charge of murder. The case was remanded.

The steamer *Marie* left this morning for Haiphong, with Mr. H. F. Hayler, C.E., and Mr. Rodyk on board. These gentlemen are going to Hongkong to inspect the Concession and the works of the Hongkong Lime and Cement Works Company. Mr. Hayler, the consulting engineer of the Company, is to make a report and to carry out the preliminary works of the Company.

In the paragraph in yesterday's issue in which we give the views of a correspondent on the trials of Hongkong during the past year, there was one slight error. In the sentence:—"The severe and unique character of the crisis may be inferred when it is borne in mind that Cotton Goods cost c.i.f. from 3 to 11 per cent., Woolen Goods from 2 to 12 per cent., English Yarn from 2 to 15 per cent., more now than in the early part of this year, or even of last year; while Belgian Iron has remained steady, the words 'English yarn' should have been 'English iron.'

A CIRCULAR calling for a change in clearing or settling day is being largely signed by members of the community and firms. The circular points out that the increase of share-transactions in Hongkong renders it desirable to reduce as much as possible the rush of business which occurs on the last day of each month, the date when by present custom contracts mature and settlements have to be effected. With this end in view it is proposed that 'from the 1st of October next, shares sold forward should be sold for delivery on the 15th day of the forward month instead of the end of the month. It is believed this will greatly facilitate settlements.' The circular has been already signed by all the banks and most of the leading merchants.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the Mail Companies will arrange better time-tables for next year. The arrangement by which the English, French and German mail steamers leave within a few hours of each other is absurd. Were these Companies purely private concerns, the public would have no right to object. Their remedy would be to start an opposition. But the mail steamer companies have virtually a monopoly, and as they are subsidised by the various Governments, the public have a right to see that their interests are in some way safeguarded. The arrangements that have been in force during the last two years for the departure of the English and French mails have been most inconvenient. During two months of the year—April and September—the English and French mails have left on the same day, giving us really only two mail days during the month—the old fortnightly service. Then, during the whole of the summer months, instead of the fortnight being equally divided, the one mail boat leaving seven days after the other, a break of nine days occurred between the departure of the French and the next English mail, the French steamer following again after five days. The inconveniences attached to this irregularity must be very great, and ought to receive the attention of the Chamber of Commerce. It is a disgrace that in this age of rapid communication, we should be reduced to a fortnightly mail service during two months of the year.

We are requested to state that the 'Lorne Athletic Club' of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, hope to give two performances of an 'Assault at Arms' and Military Entertainment, in the City Hall, in all probability early in November. Part of the proceeds will be given to local charities.

By the fall this morning of nine cook-houses built at the back of houses Nos. 22 and 24 Upper Station Street, three of the occupants were killed and several others injured. The cook-houses, which were three stories in height, were built of wood, and their collapse seems to have been due simply to the flimsiness of their construction. The occupants who were killed were a woman, a girl of twelve and a female child of three months. Three women who sustained severe injuries were removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The houses behind which these crazy structures were reared, are of the usual Chinese type, and were built about eleven years ago. The accident, which occurred about five o'clock in the morning, caused a great commotion in the neighbourhood. There was considerable difficulty in extricating the people who were buried among the ruins.

ANOTHER contractor was brought before Mr. Woodshead in the Police Court to-day on a charge of negligent blasting at the Peak. The defendant, Chan Tai, pleaded not guilty. Mr. H. L. Dalrymple gave the following evidence:—"On 13th September, shortly before 6 p.m., I was on the road passing between Mr. Leigh's house and Mr. Palmer's new house at the Peak when I heard an explosion and saw pieces of rock flying in the air. Two or three small pieces fell on the road and one large piece went over the road without touching it. The explosion took place on Mr. Palmer's ground. I was about ten or twelve feet below the level of where the blasting was taking place. I did not hear any gongs beaten nor did I see any flags. Had there been gongs beaten or flags shown, it could not have escaped my notice. I was immediately under the place where the blasting was going on, and one of the stones went over my head. A few seconds afterwards there was another explosion at the same place. I had got under the shelter of a higher bank and I did not see any of the effects of this explosion. The stone that went over my head must have been fully two pounds weight. I should say. The road is frequented by me. A lady was walking not far behind me. A lady was walking not far behind me." A Chinese constable, to whom Mr. Dalrymple mentioned the matter, said he went to the place immediately afterwards and saw that some blasting had been going on. Inspector Perry, at whose instance the charge was brought, said the place in question was about twelve feet about the public road, and that the road was a go-it deal frequented in the evening. The defendant said he had gongs beaten and flags shown, but he was not there himself. His Worship imposed a fine of \$25.

The Shanghai Mercury hears that the Telegraph Convention of 1887 has been signed, but it does not give the statement authoritatively.

This latest discovery of a comfortable device that is a sheet of cork half an inch thick is the neatest thing to stand on with the bare feet on coming out of a bath-tub.

Over 28,000 coolies earn their living in and around Calcutta by punkah-pulling, and Government spends annually Rs. 7,40,000 on punkah-pulling in barracks alone.

THE ZOOLOGIC GARDENS in Shanghai are a great attraction to the Chinese. The other Sunday over 6,000 people paid for admission to the gardens, the greatest number of carriages outside at one time being 700.

AN IMPERIAL Decree notices the death of Koo-Chung-chih, the late Lieutenant Governor of Canton, who had only recently been promoted to the Governorship of Kuang-chih. The deceased rose to the post of District Magistrate through the successive ranks of the Civil Service until he attained the high position on which he had just entered when he was prematurely cut off. The Emperor deeply lamented his death, and ordered that all the honours due to his rank be accorded to the memory of the deceased.—*Peiping Gazette*.

This question 'Does smoking protect against infection?' has been clearly settled by Dr. S. H. Haidar of Victoria. Dr. Haidar, of course, has already demonstrated by experiment that tobacco smoke destroys germs. He has found, by consulting statistics, that men who smoked were far less susceptible to the infection than the remainder of the population during an epidemic of diphtheria. Professor Oser has noted that in a certain outbreak of diphtheria three times as many women as men were attacked. It has already been pointed out that men, especially in cities, get more fresh air as a rule, and follow healthier avocations than women. This fact, says the *British Medical Journal*, must not be overlooked during the consideration of Dr. Haidar's theories. Again, very robust men, who resist infection, being 'superior,' as Dr. Haidar said, to those who are not, are more likely to be smokers than non-smokers. The English daily papers have virtually a monopoly, and as they are subsidised by the various Governments, the public have a right to see that their interests are in some way safeguarded. The arrangements that have been in force during the last two years for the departure of the English and French mails have been most inconvenient. During two months of the year—April and September—the English and French mails have left on the same day, giving us really only two mail days during the month—the old fortnightly service. Then, during the whole of the summer months, instead of the fortnight being equally divided, the one mail boat leaving seven days after the other, a break of nine days occurred between the departure of the French and the next English mail, the French steamer following again after five days. The inconveniences attached to this irregularity must be very great, and ought to receive the attention of the Chamber of Commerce. It is a disgrace that in this age of rapid communication, we should be reduced to a fortnightly mail service during two months of the year.

THE CASE OF MADAME FRANCOIS.

This case was again before Mr. Woodshead in the Police Court to-day.

Mr. Webber, who appeared for the accused, said the only thing he wished to say on behalf of his client was that his Worship had no power to discharge the accused; it must be a superior Court; and therefore it would be absolutely necessary to apply for a writ of habeas corpus, which must be done within fifteen days.

His Worship—I don't understand what you mean. Is it that I have no option?

Mr. Webber—I don't think you have. Your Worship. If you think you have, I shall say what little I have to say now.

His Worship—if you have anything to say with regard to the evidence I shall hear it.

Mr. Webber—I can't say anything about the evidence...

His Worship—I am giving you the opportunity, that is all. The Act says: 'If the evidence warrant, a duly authenticated, such evidence is produced at trials, it raises a strong or probable presumption that the fugitive committed the offence mentioned in the warrant.' If you wish to address me as to whether I should find there is a strong or probable presumption I shall hear you.

His Worship—I take it your Worship.

His Worship—I shall say nothing as to that now. You have got the opportunity of saying anything you like as to why I should not be sent to prison.

Mr. Webber—I don't read the Act in that way.

His Worship—Well, if you wish to make no remarks, I shall dispose of the case at once.

Mr. Webber—I should like to know whether your Worship thinks that on the face of the papers before you there is strong or probable evidence.

His Worship—that I shall say in giving my decision on the case.

Mr. Webber—I don't think I shall address your Worship, but there is one question I should like to ask the witness.

John Williams, constable in the Melbourne Police, recited, in reply to Mr. Webber:—The page of the depositions marked 'A' bears the signature of Bernard. It ought to have been Bernard Michael. I can't say that it is Mr. Michael's signature. The document is quite regular, so far as I know. I am not aware that Mr. Michael has a great deal of ill-feeling and malice against the accused. What I was going away he said he was very sorry she had got into this trouble. I don't know that they are in contact.

CIVILISATION AND ALCOHOL.—Slowly, but surely, civilisation is becoming alive to the folly of demonising 'the inferior races' by means of intoxicating liquor. There is to be an International African Conference in the autumn, and this is to be one of the chief questions considered at it. Perhaps the worst instance on record of the destruction of a native race by means of alcohol, is that of the Sioux Indians, who little more than a generation ago numbered nearly three hundred thousand souls, and who now count about a tenth of that number. They were killed off by the drink demon, in the trains of which the United States officials themselves—the very men entrusted with the duty of protecting the Indians—did not disdain to participate.

ACCORDING to French law, a man will

sue away his title just as he can any other property. If that were the law here, the American Colonels would have something to give their friends.

A PARADE made by the ancient Egyptians 3000 years ago, recently discovered in a temple and was found to be unprinted. It is to be hoped that the smell of the modern Egyptians will not be handed down to as remote an immortality.

THE EMPIRE IN THE SOLENE.—One of the earliest impressions produced upon a true-born Briton by a sight of the Great Armada of August 1889, would probably be in regard to its enormous cost. Steaming down between those three closely serried lines, or rather columns, of battle-ships and cruisers, two and a half miles in length, one's first reflexion was that the value of so vast a number of vessels, the cost of which varied between £140,000 for a *Mesagne* and £670,000 for a *Rosay*, must compute to a fabulous amount. The following figures may, therefore, not be considered uninteresting. The total cost of the fleet which was inspected by the German Emperor on Monday, in the opinion of armament experts, was £17,000,000. When we remember that the programme in India, in the year of armament, was £1,000,000, it is evident that the cost of the armament of the British Fleet is far greater than that of the German.

Colonel Stoddart, in reply to the Magistrate, said it was a question had been written by one of the clerks of the Magistrate.

His Worship—Now, that will do.

Mr. Webber admitted that the papers before His Worship showed no strong or reasonable assumption that the accused committed the offence with which she was charged. He was instructed that the application for her return was not made in good faith and, in the interests of justice, and having regard to the distance, it would be unjust and too severe a punishment to take her back to another prison than that stated.

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